



Sr. Erigino Ras

Born in Aruba 26 June 1923 (82 y.o.a.)

Parents are Johanna Maria Ras (died in 1963) and Pilnus Ras (died in 1945)

Comes from a family of 11 brothers and sisters (8 boys, 3 girls)

Three are alive today: Juan Ras
 Erigino Ras
 Susana Kock-Ras

Resides at Noord Cura Cabai 58, married to Clarita Ras-Bareño. From this marriage, has produced 3 children:

 Felipe
 Cal
 Mervin

Erigino as a child attended school in Savaneta

Early in his life, he quit school to help his family in the cunucu

Similarly as other children, he saw his brothers play the guitar

His first guitar was a Cuarta Guitar that he played with his uncle and brothers, whose mother lived in Venezuela (mo Miguel)

The first song was Dande I Sjon Feleci (Ban Ban di Soledad)

At thirteen years of age, he played for people to dance

At that time, parties were very limited because people were very poor.

There were parties at Christmas, New Years, Three Kings and Dera Gai.

Military Service:

During this period of time, his father died

After his discharge from the Military, he worked at the Department of Public Works (DOW) and also in construction

Planting in the countryside was a custom, as well as playing guitar in the houses of colleagues and friends from his job regularly on weekends

In approximately 1952, began work at Lago.

In 1953, his brother Bertrando who was a musician with Trio Savaneta died. This affected him very much and he did not play in the group anymore.

In 1954, he married Clarita Bareño, a young lady from Piedra Plat.

After that, he stopped playing music to concentrate on his marriage and family. He was a creative father who told stories not only to his children, but to his nieces and nephews also.

He continues to maintain the old tradition of giving a New Year's blessing to his family.

In the mid 60's, he returned to participate in the festivals at New Years and Dera Gai.

In 1975, he retired from Lago

In that same year, he began playing with Los Canarios as a guitarist

More than 10 of his compositions were recorded on Long Play

In 1982, he joined La Divercion as a guitarist from 1983-1986. In 1990, Grupo Inspiracion began recording on cassette songs written by Erigino that were written up to 1991

From 1990 to 2003, Erigino worked on songs for Christmas and dedication of Aruba Anthem and Flag Day.

He has not written or composed any songs since 2003

From 2000 until today, he plays with Trovadores Folklorico as a guitarist. In 2004, Trovadores Folklorico produced a CD.